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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 21, to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3064–3072; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 51; and H. Res. 335–337 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2844, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–189).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013: H.R. 2052, amended, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 32 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 448 and

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Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013: H.R. 2844, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 449.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5416–17 and H5417–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, the following hearing was held:

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Syria: Weighing the Obama Administration's Response". Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary, Department of State; Chuck Hagel, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D780)

H.R. 267, to improve hydropower. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–23)

H.R. 678, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–24)

H.R. 1092, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center”. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–25)

H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–26)

H.R. 1344, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–27)

H.R. 1911, of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–28)

H.R. 2167, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–29)

H.R. 2576, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–30)

H.R. 2611, to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”. Signed on August 9, 2013. (Public Law 113–31)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wanda

Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee from October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1448, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, S. 1219, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and S. 1447, to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Federal Judgeship Act of 2013”, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine conflicts between state and Federal marijuana laws, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ann Miller Ravel, of California, and Lee E. Goodman, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, 10 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the American Legion, 10:15 a.m., SD–G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Proposed Authorization to Use Military Force in Syria, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Education Research: Exploring Opportunities to Strengthen the Institute of Education Sciences”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Implementing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act—Next Steps”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “PPACA Pulse Check: Part 2”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Reducing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Housing Programs: Inspector General Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Challenges to Democracy in the Western Hemisphere”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “India's Missing Girls”, 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.